
Introduced by Senator Torlakson

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An act to amend Section 6512 of the Health and Safety Code and to amend Section 10633 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1518, as introduced, Torlakson. Recycled water.

(1) Existing law requires a sanitary district that includes any part of a city, water district, or other local agency that provides water service to any territory in the district to obtain the consent of that city, water district, or other local agency prior to supplying water service to that territory.

This bill would provide that this requirement does not apply to the provision of recycled water by a sanitary district.

(2) Existing law requires every urban water supplier to prepare and periodically update an urban water management plan for submission to the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the supplier to describe in the plan the projected use of recycled water within the supplier's service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years.

This bill would require the supplier to include in the plan a description of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to previously projected uses.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:



1 (a) California is experiencing substantial water shortage
2 statewide.

3 (b) The state's population is growing by approximately
4 750,000 people a year, and is expected to approach 50 million by
5 2020.

6 (c) This boom in population will nearly double the demand for
7 water supply in urban areas by 2020, compounding the shortage
8 problem.

9 (d) The state needs to take action that will help alleviate these
10 problems by expanding options for securing water supply.

11 (e) The state has a tremendous capacity to use reclaimed water
12 for a range of uses.

13 (f) The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has established goals for
14 water recycling in the state, namely to reclaim and reuse one
15 million acre-feet annually by 2010.

16 (g) It is the policy of the state of California to do what it can to
17 encourage and facilitate the expanded use of recycled water.

18 SEC. 2. Section 6512 of the Health and Safety Code is
19 amended to read:

20 6512. (a) A district may acquire, plan, construct, reconstruct,
21 alter, enlarge, lay, renew, replace, maintain, and operate garbage
22 dumpsites and garbage collection and disposal systems, sewers,
23 drains, septic tanks, and sewerage collection, outfall, treatment
24 works and other sanitary disposal systems, and storm water drains
25 and storm water collection, outfall and disposal systems, and water
26 recycling and distribution systems, as the board deems necessary
27 and proper, and in the performance of these functions, either in or
28 out of the district, it may join through joint powers agreements
29 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section
30 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, or through
31 other means with any county or municipality or any other district
32 or governmental agency.

33 (b) Before any garbage dump is established, the location shall
34 first be approved by the county health officer, and, in addition, if
35 the location is within two miles of any city the consent of the
36 governing body of the city shall first be secured.

37 (c) (1) If the district includes any part of a city, water district,
38 or other local agency ~~which~~ *that* provides water service to any
39 territory in the district, the district shall not supply water service
40 to the territory unless the district first obtains the consent of the



city, water district, or other local agency. The consent shall not be revoked, if *the* revocation will result in a decrease of the revenues available to pay the outstanding bonds of the district.

(2) *This subdivision does not apply to the provision of recycled water by a district.*

(d) The Department of Water Resources may assist sanitary districts in applying for, and in obtaining approval of, federal and state funding and permits for cost-effective water recycling projects and shall confer and cooperate with the legislative body of the district during the application and approval process.

SEC. 3. Section 10633 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10633. The plan shall provide, to the extent available, information on recycled water and its potential for use as a water source in the service area of the urban water supplier. To the extent practicable, the preparation of the plan shall be coordinated with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies and shall include all of the following:

(a) A description of the wastewater collection and treatment systems in the supplier's service area, including a quantification of the amount of wastewater collected and treated and the methods of wastewater disposal.

(b) A description of the recycled water currently being used in the supplier's service area, including, but not limited to, the type, place, and quantity of use.

(c) A description and quantification of the potential uses of recycled water, including, but not limited to, agricultural irrigation, landscape irrigation, wildlife habitat enhancement, wetlands, industrial reuse, groundwater recharge, and other appropriate uses, and a determination with regard to the technical and economic feasibility of serving those uses.

(d) The projected use of recycled water within the supplier's service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, *and a description of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to uses previously projected pursuant to this subdivision.*

(e) A description of actions, including financial incentives, which may be taken to encourage the use of recycled water, and the projected results of these actions in terms of acre-feet of recycled water used per year.

(f) A plan for optimizing the use of recycled water in the supplier's service area, including actions to facilitate the

- 1 installation of dual distribution systems and to promote
- 2 recirculating uses.

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